

sixty-one, or 86.56 per cent., were justified by winds of twenty-five miles or more per hour at or within one hundred miles of the station. Sixty-nine off-shore signals were ordered, of which number fifty-nine, or 85.51 per cent., were fully justified, both as to direction and velocity; sixty-three, or 91.30 per cent., were justified as to direction; and sixty, or 87.95 per cent., were justified as to velocity. Two hundred and fifty-five signals of all kinds were ordered, two hundred and twenty, or 86.27 per cent., being fully justified. These do not include signals ordered at display stations where the velocity of the wind is only estimated. Of the above cautionary off-shore signals thirty-six were changed from cautionary. Three signals were ordered late. In one hundred and twenty cases winds of twenty-five miles or more per hour were reported for which no signals were ordered.

COLD-WAVE SIGNALS.

There were one hundred and seventy-six cold-wave signals ordered during December, of which number, one hundred and thirty-four, or 76.1 per cent. were justified.

RAILWAY WEATHER SIGNALS.

Prof. P. H. Mell, jr., director of the Alabama weather service, in his December report, makes the following statement:

A careful examination of the meteorological reports from all quarters of the state shows the verification of the weather predictions to be 83 per cent. and of the temperature 90 per cent.

TEMPERATURE OF WATER.

The following table shows the highest and lowest temperatures of water at the several stations; the monthly ranges of water temperature; the average depth at which the observations were made; and the mean temperature of the air at the stations.

Temperature of water for December, 1884.

Station.	Temperature at bottom.		Range.	Average depth, feet and inches.	Mean temperature of air at station.
	Max.	Min.			
Atlantic City, New Jersey	49.6	32.3	14.6	2 7	37.5
Alpena, Michigan*	32.7	29.7	3.0	11 7	23.2
Augusta, Georgia	54.1	40.8	13.3	9 1	50.7
Baltimore, Maryland	48.3	35.1	13.2	9 9	37.4
Block Island, Rhode Island	47.9	30.8	17.1	7 4	37.0
Boston, Massachusetts	38.9	30.4	8.5	21 4	33.1
Buffalo, New York*	38.9	32.4	6.5	10 11	29.8
Canby, Fort, Washington Territory†	49.3	33.6	15.7	17 11	35.5
Cedar Keys, Florida	67.6	55.0	12.0	9 3	60.7
Charleston, South Carolina	58.5	49.4	9.1	41 8	53.7
Chicago, Illinois*	35.9	31.8	4.1	6 11	28.4
Chincoteague, Virginia*	52.0	31.0	21.0	4 0	46.8
Cleveland, Ohio*	40.2	31.6	8.6	14 0	30.0
Detroit, Michigan*	39.7	33.0	6.7	23 3	39.5
Delaware Breakwater, Delaware	52.7	34.5	20.2	8 3	39.5
Duluth, Minnesota*	36.5	34.2	2.3	9 11	12.3
Eastport, Maine	43.1	38.7	4.4	15 0	26.3
Escanaba, Michigan*	38.2	32.9	5.3	17 0	19.7
Galveston, Texas	63.3	46.2	17.1	12 2	57.6
Grand Haven, Michigan*	35.0	39.2	5.8	19 0	28.4
Indianola, Texas	68.2	41.5	26.7	8 0	54.0
Jacksonville, Florida	62.5	58.8	3.7	18 0	58.4
Key West, Florida	78.9	70.7	8.2	16 10	73.0
Mackinaw City, Michigan*	39.1	31.5	7.6	10 0	25.1
Macon, Fort, North Carolina	59.3	43.0	16.3	5 9	48.8
Marquette, Michigan*	38.0	34.7	3.3	10 0	20.4
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*	37.3	34.3	3.0	8 0	22.7
Mobile, Alabama	59.1	49.6	9.5	14 9	53.9
New Haven, Connecticut	44.5	30.5	14.0	15 2	34.5
New London, Connecticut	40.4	38.3	8.1	11 7	34.5
New York City	44.0	34.0	10.0	15 6	34.0
Norfolk, Virginia	52.0	37.1	14.9	15 6	45.2
Pensacola, Florida	63.1	52.0	11.1	17 5	56.0
Portland, Maine	40.9	39.5	10.4	13 7	30.7
Portland, Oregon	45.4	31.4	14.0	53 9	31.0
Sandusky, Ohio*	39.5	34.0	5.5	11 1	30.9
Sandy Hook, New Jersey	47.5	34.6	12.9	2 0	36.1
San Francisco, California	55.1	51.0	4.2	34 4	52.5
Savannah, Georgia	59.8	47.8	9.0	10 0	54.4
Smithville, North Carolina	59.0	48.5	10.5	10 5	49.3
Toledo, Ohio*	35.4	32.4	4.0	11 9	30.0
Wilmington, North Carolina	56.7	43.0	13.7	19 6	51.2

* Observations interrupted by ice.—See text.

† Record for 29 days.

Observations were interrupted by ice during the month as follows: Alpena, Michigan, from 17th to 31st; Buffalo, New York, from 19th to 28th; Chincoteague, Virginia,

20th; Cleveland, Ohio, on 9th, 15th, 18th, and from 20th to 31st; Detroit, Michigan, from 8th to 31st; Duluth, Minnesota, from 16th to 31st; Escanaba, Michigan, 14th, 15th, and from 18th to 31st; Grand Haven, Michigan, from 18th to 27th; Mackinaw City and Marquette, Michigan, from 18th to 31st; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 13th to 31st; Sandusky, Ohio, from 16th to 31st; Toledo, Ohio, 3d, 4th, and from 17th to 31st.

ATMOSPHERIC ELECTRICITY.

AURORAS.

Auroral displays occurred during December as follows: Beloit, Wisconsin, 8th: an auroral arch above a dark cloud was observed at 9.30 p. m.

Fort Totten, Dakota, 8th: an auroral light of pale yellow color, with dark segment beneath, was observed from 9.20 to 11.45 p. m.

Riley, Illinois, 10th.

Saint Vincent, Minnesota, 15th: at 5.30 p. m. a faint auroral display was observed.

Moorhead, Minnesota, 15th: an aurora was observed at 5.15 a. m., consisting of a pale glow and an arch resting upon a dark segment. In the evening on the same day a similar display was observed, appearing at 6.15 and continuing until early morning of the 16th.

Boyne, Michigan, 19th: auroral light extending to an altitude of 15°.

Alpena, Michigan, 19th: an aurora was observed at 9 p. m., consisting of a diffuse light on the northeastern horizon; no streamers were observed; the display ended at 11 p. m.

Escanaba, Michigan, 19th: a faint aurora of pale yellow color was observed from 10 to 10.50 p. m.

Le Roy, New York, 19th: aurora at 8.30 p. m.

Eastport, Maine, 19th: a faint auroral light of straw color was observed from 8 to 10 p. m.

Point Judith, Rhode Island, 20th: an auroral display was observed at 1.13 a. m., consisting of two yellow beams which remained visible twenty minutes; at 2 a. m. a low arch formed which remained until 3 a. m.

Fort Totten, 22d: an aurora in the north with shooting beams of 20° altitude was observed from 9 to 11.50 p. m.

Saint Vincent, Minnesota, 22d: a faint auroral display was noted from 7.10 to 11 p. m.; it consisted of a poorly defined arch of light of 15° altitude, extending over the northern horizon.

Escanaba, Michigan, 22d: an auroral display was visible from 10.15 p. m. until the early morning of the 23d; it consisted of a dark segment beneath a bright yellow light, from which beams extended to an altitude of 45°.

At Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, auroras were suspected on the following dates: 16th, 3 a. m.; 29th, 11 p. m.; 20th, 8.30 p. m.; 30th, 8.30 p. m.

The "Canadian Weather Review" for December, 1884, reports auroras as follows:

Winnipeg, Manitoba, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22d.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 14th.

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 14th, 19th, 27th.

THUNDER-STORMS.

Thunder-storms are reported to have occurred in the different states and territories as follows:

Alabama.—Birmingham, 11th, 21st; Greensborough, 20th; Mobile, 22d.

Arizona.—Maricopa, 7th; Tucson, 8th; Wickenburg and Prescott, 7th, 8th; Fort Grant, 7th, 9th; Fort McDowell, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 26th, 27th.

Arkansas.—Fort Smith, 4th, 26th, 30th; Lead Hill, 5th, 26th, 30th; Mount Ida, 28th, 29th, 30th.

California.—Fort Bidwell, 3d, 21st; Poway, 7th, 11th; Los Angeles, 8th; San Francisco and San Raphael, 24th, 25th; Oakland, 25th; at Salinas City, thunder was occasionally heard from 17th to 24th.

Table of miscellaneous meteorological data for December, 1884—Signal Service observations.

Stations.	Elevation above sea-level.	Atmospheric pressure.				Temperature of the air (in degrees Fahrenheit).												Winds.										
		Mean actual barometer.		Departure from normal.		Extremes.		Monthly range of barometer.			Extremes.			Monthly range of barometer.			Extremes.			Mean rel. humidity.		Prevailing direction.						
		Mean reduced barometer.	Highest barometer Date.	Lowest barometer Date.	Mean monthly mean.	Date.	Monthly range of barometer.	Max.	Date.	Mean max.	Min.	Date.	Mean min.	Max.	Date.	Mean max.	Min.	Date.	Greatest.	Least.	Mean dew-point.	Total movement.	Departure from normal.	Max. velocity.	Date.			
New England.																												
Eastport.	61	29.98	+ .08	30.05	30.78	27	29.28	7.1.50	26.3	+ 1.0	51.3	7.33.5	-21.0	20	9.5.72	3.48	1.21	3.4	29.78	9.20.5	8.63	+ 5.22	8.219	n.	48 se.	15 14 13 12 5		
Portland.	45	30.04	+ .08	30.09	30.8	27	29.34	7.1.46	30.9	-3.2	59.0	7.38.3	-6.1	20	4.50.5	1.29	0.21	5.0	6.77	3.24.3	6.42	+ 3.79	6.426	n.	35 se.	7 10 9 18 4		
Mount Washington.	6,279	23.51	- .03	30.14	30.76	29	29.59	7.1.17	11.9	-3.0	43.0	31.21.2	-4.2	2.2	19	5.25.5	2.20	1.20	3.3	6.92	8.12.0	4.70	+ 0.76	11.410	nw.	96 nw.	19 12 0 12 12	
Thatcher's Island.	48																											
Boston.	122	29.98	+ .08	30.12	30.74	27	29.47	7.1.27	33.1	+ 2.9	62.1	8.41.3	-7.2	20	27	2.61	3.3				5.82	+ 2.08						
Point Judith.																												
Block Island.	27	30.10		30.14	30.68	27	29.58	7.1.10	37.0	+ 1.2	60.0	7.44.0	-7.2	20	31.3	3.63	2.35	7.21	5.4	3.84	4.32.0	6.56	+ 4.44	13.603	ne.	44 se.	20 13 13 15 3	
Narragansett Pier.																												
New London.	47	30.11	+ .10	30.16	30.73	27	29.58	7.1.15	34.5	+ 2.5	57.3	7.41.3	-5.2	20	27	7.62	5.44	7.21	3.4	13.81	7.29.2	7.39	+ 4.14	6.124	nw.	40 se.	7 17 10 13 8	
New Haven.	107	30.03		30.15	30.72	27	29.57	7.1.15	31.5	-0.1	60.0	7.39.9	-9.5	20	24.0	6.69	5.48	3.21	6.2	24	79.525	4.01	+ 3.28	6.701	n.	29 se.	7 15 8 14 9	
Middle Atlantic states.																												
Albany.	75	30.07	+ .07	30.17	30.53	27	29.48	7.1.35	27.8	-1.0	57.9	7.35.2	-15.9	20	5.73	8.36	4.28	2.5	14.72	7.19.9	3.20	+ 0.49	4.841	n.	32 sw.	7 14 15 14 2		
New York.	164	29.98	+ .06	30.17	30.72	20	29.52	7.1.18	34.6	+ 1.2	60.0	31.41.7	-1.0	20	8.58	8.28	3.21	6.5	4.29	7.9.528	6.66	+ 3.08	8.419	nw.	40 nw.	9 14 13 13 5		
Sandy Hook.	28	30.15	+ .08	30.18	30.77	20	29.50	6.1.14	36.1	-1.1	61.3	31.43.6	-10.8	20	9.50	6.50	5.33	22.9	9.30	3.20	5.64	+ 1.92	13.861	n.	60 n.	19 15 13 13 7		
Barnegat City.	22	30.14	+ .07	30.16	30.04	27	29.02	6.1.02	38.6	+ 3.5	62.1	7.46.4	-0.2	20	31	6.62	3.30	3.20	8.1.31	8.34.0	7.69	+ 2.36	12.077	n.	50 s.	6 12 13 11 7		
Little Egg Harbor.																												
Atlantic City.	13	30.11	+ .05	30.15	30.62	20	29.59	6.1.04	37.5	+ 1.0	61.0	7.44.4	-2.1	20	31	5.58	9.24	9.20	5.8	31.83	0.32.5	7.71	+ 3.85	6.977	nw.	32 e.	12 13 12 10 9	
Cape May.	27	30.14		30.17	30.62	20	29.53	6.1.00	40.0	+ 2.6	59.0	30.46.7	-4.0	20	33.5	5.4	3.21	5.3	1.17	9.34.0	6.87	+ 2.72	12.507	n.	60 w.	9 10 16 8 7		
Philadelphia.	117	30.06	+ .05	30.18	30.68	20	29.50	6.1.14	34.6	-0.3	66.0	31.41.2	-0.8	20	28	2.65	2.29	2.91	4.6	25	7.26	3.28	+ 0.74	7.593	nw.	40 s.	6 11 13 13 5	
Baltimore.	45	30.15	+ .06	30.29	30.68	27	29.54	6.1.14	37.4	+ 0.2	66.2	31.44.4	-8.0	20	31	8.57	6.20	8.0	4.6	1.47	9.49.7	4.70	+ 0.80	3.928	nw.	30 w.	9 14 13 8 10	
Washington City.	100	30.08	+ .05	30.20	30.70	27	29.58	6.1.12	36.0	0.0	66.6	31.43.3	-6.1	19	29	7.07	5.25	5.0	4	1.43	7.94.7	2.97	+ 1.78	4.392	s.	30 w.	9 14 15 11 5	
Delaware Breakwater.	20	30.15	+ .05	30.17	30.64	20	29.00	6.1.03	30.5	+ 1.7	60.8	15.45.0	-8.9	20	34	2.51	9.24	6.15	2.8	23.83	1.34.4	3.22	+ 0.83	13.721	nw.	51 nw.	9 12 9 16 0	
Ocean City.																												
Chincoteague.	8	30.10	+ .04	30.17	30.62	20	29.63	6.1.00	40.8	+ 2.3	62.2	30.47.5	-3.0	20	33	5.53	2.31	6.21	5.5	20	8.82	1.35.4	5.75	+ 2.09	9.182	n.	45 nw.	9 19 12 14 5
Cape Henry.	16	30.16	+ .04	30.18	30.63	20	29.68	6.0.94	44.9	+ 1.3	71.8	12.52.9	-15.3	19	38.5	6.56	5.30	2.18	3.7	28.76	1.37.4	3.49	+ 0.99	11.185	n.	54 nw.	9 14 12 13 5	
Norfolk.	30	30.15	+ .04	30.18	30.66	20	29.72	6.0.88	45.2	+ 2.8	70.0	12.52.5	-12.0	19	38.2	5.7	5.30	2.18	4.8	1.76	8.37.8	4.30	+ 0.56	6.308	n.	32 s.	6 16 12 15 4	
Lynchburg.	652	29.47	+ .05	30.20	30.65	27	29.62	6.1.03	40.1	+ 2.0	68.0	12.47.9	-5.5	19	32	4.62	5.32	9.18	6.4	20	75.632	4.11.81	+ 8.51	2.728	n.	19 nw.	10 10 13 14 4	
South Atlantic states.																												
Kitty Hawk.	22	30.17	+ .02	30.18	30.58	20	29.74	7.0.83	48.5	-3.6	69.8	31.55.1	-17.7	19	41.2	5.51	2.25	1.21	5.0	28	8.0	4.42.2	5.65	+ 0.45	12.772	n.	60 n.	18 16 18 8 5
Hatteras.	12	30.15	+ .03	30.16	30.52	28	29.78	18.0.74	50.4	-2.4	51.0	15.57.5	-20.2	19	44.3	5.30	8.24	3.21	3.2	28	8.49.45.7	7.41	+ 1.09	10.336	ne.	41 n.	18 14 17 10 4	
Fort Macon.	11	30.17	+ .04	30.18	30.55	20	29.50	18.0.74	58.8	-0.5	68.1	30.55.0	-15.2	19	40.4	5.56	9.36	3.21	3.2	28	8.49.1	4.54	+ 1.36	11.824	n.	44 nw.	18 20 12 13 6	
Wilmington.	52	30.13	+ .05	30.19	30.55	20	29.78	18.0.78	51.2	-3.3	74.9	31.60.6	-16.6	20	42.4	5.48	3.30	2.23	8.0	26	7.65	7.47.3	3.52	+ 0.7	5.359	n.	30 sw.	15 15 14 9 8
Smithville.	34	30.16	+ .04	30.20	30.54	27	29.81	18.0.73	49.3	-0.9	69.9	8.56.1	-8.5	20	40	10.54	2.8	28.9	18	7.26	2.42	4.33	+ 0.79	7.216	n.	48 se.	15 11 10 10 10	
Charlotte.	808	29.32	+ .05	30.21	30.62	27	29.69	6.0.93	44.1	+ 1.1	71.0	12.52.4	-11.0	19	35.80.0	3.31	2.18	7.8	26	27.72	7.34.8	2.93	+ 0.55	3.861	n.	24 s.	6 14 9 14 8	
Atlanta.	1,120	28.97	+ .01	30.20	30.52	27	29.74	6.0.78	45.5	-0.5	66.5	22.52.5	-22.0	19	39	7.55	2.56	3.28	2.18	8.0	30.73	1.35.9	6.09	+ 0.07	6.192	e.	30 nw.	18 12 9 16 6
Augusta.	183	30.02	+ .03	30.22	30.62	27	29.74	6.0.80	50.7	+ 3.2	74.0	22.60.1	-23.0	20	41	6.57	6.36	4.22	2.1	9.04	27.73	4.44.1	5.49	+ 0.26	2.116	n.	30 sw.	22 14 11 14 4
Charleston.	52	30.11	+ .04	30.17	30.51	27	29.76	6.0.75	53.7	-2.7	70.0	12.60.3	-26.0	20	46	5.46	3.44	2.25	2.21	7.00	22.81	7.47.9	3.26	+ 0.33	5.112	n.	28 s.	6 11 12 12 7
Savannah.	87	30.08	+ .04	30.18	30.51	27	29.80	6.0.71	54.4	-1.8	75.5	11.62.5	-27.5	20	45	4.45	4.48	3.22	2.21	8.3	25.75	6.45.8	3.21	+ 0.22	4.521	n.	25 sw.	6 12 12 9 10
Jacksonville.	43	30.11	.00	30.16	30.41	27	29.84	6.0.56	58.4	+ 2.2	74.6	12.65.9	-32.9	19	51	4.41	7.26	1.18	2.9	25	86	2.53.9	4.04	+ 1.15	4.265	n.	24 s.	6 12 15 9 5
Florida peninsula.																												
Sanford.	50	30.06		30.10	30.28	19	29.85	6.0.43	65.5		84.6	12.74.5	-37.4	3.54	3.47	2.35	9.12	9.53	1.21	2.51			3.735	n.	20 n.	10 10 5 18 8		
Cedar Keys.	22	30.11	+ .02	30.13	30.34	19	29.80	6.0.53	60.7	+ 1.2	74.1	30.06.6	-32.2	19	55.1	4.14	1.25	3.21	4.3	3.32	8.83	5.56	+ 2.93	5.774	n.	28 nw.	18 11 7 8 16	
Key West.	20																											

Table of miscellaneous meteorological data for December, 1884—Signal Service observations—Continued.

NOTE.—The total movements of the air on Mount Washington, New Hampshire, and Pike's Peak, Colorado, are insufficient on account of frost work.

* +13.40. † +10.91. ‡ Record for 16½ days. § See text under "Ranges of temperature." 104 miles. 106 miles.

† Record for 16½ days.

²See text under "Ranges of temperature."

1108 miles.

Delaware.—Delaware Breakwater, 15th, 22d.

Florida.—Archer, 5th, 6th; Tallahassee, 5th, 14th, 22d; Jacksonville, 22d; Pensacola, 21st, 22d; Sanford, 23d.

Georgia.—Athens, 14th; Atlanta, Milledgeville and Savannah, 22d; Augusta and Forsyth, 21st, 22d.

Illinois.—Swanwick, 27th.

Indiana.—Laconia, 28th; Greencastle, 30th.

Kansas.—Emporia, Independence, Wellington, and Yates Centre, 4th.

Louisiana.—Grand Coteau, 4th, 5th, 11th, 17th, 28th; New Orleans, 11th, 17th; Point Pleasant, 20th, 21st; Liberty Hill, 27th to 30th; Shreveport, 29th, 30th.

Maine.—Eastport, 15th; three flashes of lightning were observed at 5.30 a. m.

Maryland.—Baltimore, 31st.

Massachusetts.—Fall River and Taunton, 23d.

Michigan.—Hillsdale, 21st.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg, 14th, 21st.

Missouri.—Pierce City, 4th, 5th; Springfield, 29th.

Nebraska.—Genoa, 4th.

New Jersey.—Moorestown, 15th; Vineland, Cape May, Little Egg Harbor, Barnegat City, and Atlantic City, 22d.

North Carolina.—Kitty Hawk, 12th, 15th, 22d; Hatteras, 14th, 21st; Kelly's (near Raleigh), 15th; Smithville, 15th, 21st, 22d; Fort Macon, 21st; New River Inlet and Wilmington, 21st, 22d; Weldon, 22d; Charlotte, 28th.

Pennsylvania.—Pittsburg, 6th.

Rhode Island.—Narragansett Pier, 22d; heavy thunder-storm from 4.30 to 4.40 a. m.

South Carolina.—Pacolett, 14th, 22d; Aiken and Stateburg, 22d.

Tennessee.—Chattanooga, 21st; Knoxville, 22d; Memphis and Milan, 28th, 30th.

Texas.—Clarksville, 4th, 26th; Galveston, 4th, 5th, 27th, 28th, 29th; Palestine, 4th, 10th, 11th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th; Fort Davis, 10th; Fort Concho, 10th, 11th, 30th; Indianola, 10th, 22d, 28th; Cleburne, 11th, 12th, 27th, 28th; Brownsville, 31st.

Virginia.—Dale Enterprise, 6th; Wytheville, 6th, 15th; Cape Henry, Chincoteague, and Fort Myer, 15th.

Washington Territory.—Port Angeles, 5th.

West Virginia.—Helvetia, 6th.

ELECTRICAL PHENOMENA.

The observer on the summit of Mount Washington, New Hampshire, reports the following:

"During the 19th everything on the summit was highly charged with electricity. A brass tube held against the stove discharged perceptible sparks; by touching the ears of the cat electric sparks were emitted, producing a snapping noise resembling that caused by lighting a match."

OPTICAL PHENOMENA.

SOLAR HALOS.

Solar halos were observed in the various states and territories as follows:

Arkansas.—1st, 7th, 8th, 24th, 26th, 31st.

California.—14th, 15th.

Connecticut.—23d, 24th.

Dakota.—10th, 19th, 21st, 22d, 26th, 30th, 31st.

Delaware.—5th.

Florida.—1st, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 16th.

Idaho.—10th, 11th, 31st.

Illinois.—22d.

Iowa.—4th, 8th, 9th, 16th, 18th, 22d, 24th, 31st.

Kansas.—1st, 8th, 24th, 30th, 31st.

Louisiana.—24th.

Michigan.—19th, 21st, 23d, 24th.

Minnesota.—15th, 22d, 24th, 31st.

Missouri.—31st.

Nebraska.—22d, 24th, 31st.

New York.—1st, 17th, 25th, 27th, 29th, 30th.

North Carolina.—12th, 14th, 22d, 23d.

Ohio.—1st.

Tennessee.—23d, 24th.

Texas.—12th, 15th, 30th, 31st.

Utah.—7th.

Virginia.—5th, 8th, 16th, 23d, 25th, 28th, 29th.

Wisconsin.—22d, 24th.

LUNAR HALOS.

Lunar halos were observed in the various states and territories as follows:

Arizona.—7th, 24th, 25th.

Arkansas.—24th.

California.—24th, 25th, 29th, 30th.

Colorado.—2d.

Connecticut.—4th, 23d, 29th.

Dakota.—24th, 26th, 29th, 31st.

Delaware.—1st, 22d, 23d, 25th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

District of Columbia.—29th, 31st.

Florida.—2d, 3d, 7th, 25th, 30th.

Georgia.—1st, 4th, 5th, 31st.

Idaho.—1st, 31st.

Illinois.—3d, 8th, 25th.

Indiana.—4th, 5th, 28th.

Indian Territory.—24th, 26th, 28th to 31st.

Iowa.—4th, 5th, 9th, 24th, 31st.

Kansas.—1st, 3d, 10th, 23d to 26th, 30th.

Kentucky.—27th to 30th.

Louisiana.—25th, 29th, 30th.

Maine.—29th.

Maryland.—30th.

Massachusetts.—23d, 25th, 29th.

Michigan.—3d, 4th, 24th, 25th, 26th.

Minnesota.—4th, 23d, 25th, 26th, 29th, 30th.

Missouri.—9th, 31st.

Montana.—29th.

Nebraska.—3d, 4th, 5th, 8th, 10th, 30th.

Nevada.—1st, 30th.

New Hampshire.—25th, 29th.

New Jersey.—4th, 5th, 23d.

New Mexico.—3d.

New York.—1st, 4th, 6th, 23d, 25th, 27th to 31st.

North Carolina.—4th, 22d, 26th, 27th, 28th.

Ohio.—5th, 6th, 22d, 24th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th.

Oregon.—30th.

Pennsylvania.—23d, 27th, 30th, 31st.

Rhode Island.—23d, 29th.

Tennessee.—1st, 2d, 9th, 10th, 24th, 26th, 28th to 31st.

Texas.—1st, 2d, 7th, 12th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 30th.

Utah.—6th, 24th, 28th, 31st.

Vermont.—25th.

Virginia.—1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 24th, 27th to 31st.

Washington Territory.—8th, 28th, 30th.

Wisconsin.—3d, 4th, 22d, 24th, 26th, 29th, 31st.

Wyoming.—6th, 25th, 26th.

The phases of the moon during December were: full moon, 2d, 1.53 p. m.; last quarter, 9th, 6.24 a. m.; new moon, 17th, 8.18 a. m.; first quarter, 25th, 8.15 a. m.; perigee, 2d, 10 p. m.; apogee, 16th, 11 p. m.

MIRAGE.

Delaware Breakwater, Delaware, 24th: Cape May was plainly visible all day, and appeared to be only a few miles distant. The images of vessels appeared doubly reflected, the first image being inverted and the second above the first in an upright position; all the images appeared much flattened and elongated; the horizon appeared much elevated and vessels at great distances were seen, all appearing with distinctness. An unusually high temperature for the season and a hazy atmosphere prevailed all day.

Fort Grant, Arizona, 3d: a beautiful mirage was observed this a. m. in the south. The shapes of the mountains were